

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 2, 2013

1 all of y'all being here tonight. I appreciate you  
2 sitting through the work session for us. Before we  
3 get started, I would like to ask Robert to lead us  
4 in prayer and also the Pledge of Allegiance to the  
5 flag.

6 MR. GOFF: The same as we've been doing  
7 more and more here lately, remember all the families  
8 who have lost loved ones.

9 (Thereupon, the invocation and  
10 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

11 MR. RUMLEY: Ms. Elliott would probably  
12 use her paddle on us if she knew you told how old  
13 she was. She was very, very picky about that.  
14 Robert and I went and visited her a month or so, I  
15 guess, in the nursing home. Robert called her  
16 daughter, Lana, and Lana told Robert, said, the only  
17 thing you do not mention to her while you're there,  
18 do not mention anything about how old she is or her  
19 age or her birthday. She was that way in school.  
20 She was really picky about her age. Anyway, we will  
21 sure miss Ms. Elliott.

22 This is the regularly scheduled meeting  
23 of the Dade County Board of Commission which takes  
24 place at the same time on the first Thursday of  
25 every month. Proper notice of this meeting was

1 given to the legal organ of Dade County and has been  
2 posted in the hall of our Administrative Building.  
3 At this time I do need a roll call. Mr. Bradford?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

6 MR. GOFF: Here.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

8 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Here.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

12 Mitchell, I'll start with you on our district  
13 commissioner reports.

14 MR. SMITH: One thing I want to make  
15 sure everybody knows about. This Saturday is the  
16 Three Mountain Three State bike event. They will  
17 hit Dade County approximately in the north end  
18 around 9:30 is when they'll probably enter the  
19 county. There's roughly 1,800 cyclists. Not all  
20 1,800 will make Burkhalter. Some of them will give  
21 out that has plans to make Burkhalter before they  
22 get there and give up on the ride. If they're not  
23 at 299 and Highway 11 by 2:00, they're going to be  
24 told to go to Chattanooga. They're not going to get  
25 a chance to make Burkhalter. 2:00 is the cutoff

1 point. They'll come down Hales Gap Road, turn left  
2 on Dugan's Loop. I don't know the mountain,  
3 Scottie.

4 MR. PITTMAN: You're right. It's Hales  
5 Gap.

6 MR. RUMLEY: They come across Brow Road  
7 and down Hales Gap.

8 MR. SMITH: Once you get down to Hales  
9 Gap, they'll turn left onto Dugan's Loop Road,  
10 Dugan's Loop onto Slygo, Slygo to Highway 299, 299  
11 to Highway 11. Like I said, at Highway 11, part of  
12 them will go left to Chattanooga, part of them will  
13 go right. There's actually four different rides in  
14 this event. There's the 100-mile, 86-mile, 64-mile  
15 and 27-mile ride. Once they hit Highway 11, they'll  
16 go up the hill and turn left on Pope Creek Road --  
17 no, Old Birmingham Highway to Pope Creek Road. Pope  
18 Creek Road to Creek Road, then to Burkhalter Gap and  
19 on up the mountain. Like I said, they're going to  
20 be about 9:00 on from the rest of the afternoon if  
21 you're in the north end, just be prepared, be  
22 courteous and hopefully, they'll do likewise.

23 MR. RUMLEY: It's going to be bad  
24 weather looks like. We're going to have some rain,  
25 so it will be a dangerous day.

1                   Okay.   Scottie?

2                   MR. PITTMAN:   I talked to Stacy Stevens  
3   today and everybody know, little league baseball is  
4   well underway.   He said they've actually got a few  
5   games scheduled for tonight.

6                   One of the problems we've been having  
7   down at the park is drainage.   When there's a big  
8   rain, all the water from the concession stand, all  
9   the bleachers rolls right out onto the field and  
10   there's just not anywhere for it to go.   So Stacy  
11   and Ted have been talking to Joe Lee, our extension  
12   officer, and they're looking at maybe getting some  
13   kind of grant or some kind of funding to install  
14   some french drains to help aid in that drainage  
15   issue.   Hopefully, we can do that.   It won't be done  
16   until after this ball session.   There's a lot of our  
17   young kids that utilize that field.   They use it for  
18   baseball.   They use the soccer fields.

19                  Stacy said tomorrow they've got a --  
20   the Sheriff's Department has CHAMPS, a CHAMPS  
21   meeting down there where they'll play soccer and tug  
22   of war.   So the four fields are really a good asset  
23   to the county, gives some of our young people an  
24   out, gives them something to do in the evenings and  
25   we try to take care of them.   I know we spend some

1 of our taxpayers' money, but we do try to take care  
2 of them the best we can. Stacy has done a really  
3 good job.

4 I'm just letting everybody know that we  
5 are aware of the drainage issue and we are  
6 addressing it and hopefully next year it will not be  
7 a problem. Of course, we're probably eight to ten  
8 inches above the normal rainfall this year, so  
9 drainage is bad everywhere.

10 MR. RUMLEY: And hopefully, before the  
11 real very end of summer, Billy and I went down and  
12 looked at and talked. We're going to put about an  
13 inch cap on that walking track. It's really gotten  
14 in bad shape. I've had some calls on it.  
15 Hopefully, toward the end of summer, we can do that.  
16 We have our own paver now so there's no excuse  
17 except for money.

18 Robert, what have you got for us  
19 tonight?

20 MR. GOFF: Well, having been gone for  
21 quite a while, I don't have a lot. I will mention  
22 S.P.L.O.S.T and L.O.S.T and, obviously, I need to  
23 stay gone more because both of them were way up last  
24 month and they're way back down this month. So I  
25 must -- I guess people are not spending money when



1 I'm in Dade County.

2 S.P.L.O.S.T this month was 197,718 and  
3 that is down. Last year the same month was 224,000.  
4 So about \$27,000 in the difference in April of this  
5 year and that's real money to the county. And then  
6 L.O.S.T. is 158,170 and this same month a year ago  
7 was 179,922. And, again, that's real money that is  
8 shared with the City to some extent, but I don't  
9 know what drives this. I don't know exactly what --  
10 unless it was the car -- some of it in March was the  
11 new car -- ad valorem tax thing or whatever it might  
12 have been.

13 But anyway, I have been gone for a  
14 month, so I don't have a lot to talk about as far as  
15 here in the county. I will tell you just a little  
16 bit about my trip. You know, many, many years ago  
17 living on Sand Mountain, I never thought that I  
18 would be able to go anywhere beyond Atlanta and  
19 maybe Nashville. God has blessed me through avenues  
20 to be able to go overseas to Tanzania, to -- mostly  
21 to where I just was in Romania for about the eighth  
22 or ninth time I've been there. And I'll tell you,  
23 it will really make you appreciate -- I don't care  
24 where you live in America, but it will make you  
25 appreciate Dade County. The first thing I noticed

1 when I got over there is their 24 percent tax across  
2 the board, 24 percent. They're a poor nation. If  
3 you go to pumps and buy fuel, they buy by liters.  
4 Of course, they buy -- their monetary system is the  
5 lay and one lay equals 33 cents of American money.

6           So I don't know a lot about liters. I  
7 had to do a lot of work while I was there under the  
8 metric system and I think it takes 2.65 liters to  
9 make a gallon. Now, they were paying 593 lay per  
10 liter. So 2.65 times that, so they're paying about  
11 6 to \$7 a gallon for gasoline.

12           Then when you see people going to  
13 shopping, you go over here and you're in Escalades  
14 and Fords and Chevrolets and pickup trucks and  
15 anything you want to be in. A lot of them over  
16 there have bundled their family up, their little  
17 kids and they're on -- I said, Lord, if there's any  
18 reincarnation, don't let me come back as a horse in  
19 Romania because they are the skinniest poor old  
20 horses you ever saw hooked to a wagon with four  
21 automobile wheels on it, a big tag about that big on  
22 the back of it. They do have to register horses and  
23 wagons and that's the way they're going into town to  
24 do their shopping or to church or wherever. It's  
25 like going back in time, if you're my age, to my



1 very early childhood and even before.

2           So I am so glad to get to go there. I  
3 love to go there, but just to tell you, it's good to  
4 be home. It's good to be home and come back to  
5 better than I did two years ago. I came back on the  
6 28th of April two years ago, landed in Atlanta and  
7 my wife started -- I was four hours late and here's  
8 how she started the conversation, I'll tell you  
9 before you get here. Well, you draw your  
10 conclusion. What would you have thought? I thought  
11 she done wrecked my pickup truck. Then she said our  
12 house looks better than anybody's. I said, Ruth,  
13 what are you trying -- oh, we had tornadoes and she  
14 started naming the neighbors' houses that were  
15 completely gone, so I didn't come back to that and I  
16 am so thankful.

17           But with that said, I want to add one  
18 thing. It has been two years and this is a plea to  
19 people out in the community if you read this in the  
20 paper and you see it on the television. We still go  
21 back to our homes. I go back to my home. The  
22 people -- three have rebuilt in our neighborhood.  
23 There's some lots that are not -- no one is living  
24 in them, the houses were torn down. In our  
25 neighborhood, we happen to have one foundation and

1 another house still standing. What I would like for  
2 people to do, we did go through it and it's been two  
3 years and I'll never make light of it, but if you  
4 own a lot in a neighborhood, go back and clean that  
5 lot up. Mow the grass, clean it up because people  
6 who live in that neighborhood still have to go and  
7 it is still two years later, it's depressing to go  
8 back to our home. The people in Middleton Estates,  
9 the people in Glenwood, the people up here in  
10 Edgewood. So I make that plea to the people who  
11 read this and hear this. Take a little time and go  
12 mow your lots because it's springtime. The weeds  
13 and the grass are about knee high and just think  
14 back to the time that you were living in that  
15 neighborhood and you would not want any one of your  
16 neighbors to have allowed their yard to grow up like  
17 that like.

18               So that being said, it sounds like  
19 preaching, excuse me, but it is hard on us who are  
20 going back and having to relive this every time we  
21 go into our neighborhood, into our homes. So if  
22 anyone owns a piece of property, think about it.  
23 Get the mower and go mow that piece of property and  
24 keep the grass and the weeds. Some still have  
25 debris, building debris that's still piled up. Move

1 it because people are still living there. It's  
2 still home to them and it always will be and that  
3 being said, forgive me if I offend anybody, but  
4 that's what I'm hearing from people and I am one of  
5 those people myself. So it is personal, but a lot  
6 of people are asking me when are they going to clean  
7 it up, when are they going to take care of it and I  
8 think two years is enough time to get back to as  
9 normal as we can get. Thank you.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. For  
11 somebody that didn't have much to say, you sure took  
12 enough --

13 MR. GOFF: I didn't get to Savannah  
14 yet.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Allan, what do you  
16 have?

17 MR. BRADFORD: I really don't have  
18 anything to report. I about lost my voice this  
19 week. There's truly going to be some citizen  
20 participation about the glass here shortly, but I  
21 would like to thank Billy and his crew for the work  
22 they're doing on these roads out there. I had never  
23 been on the back of that asphalter until today, but  
24 if you get on the back of there, that's a hot place  
25 to be, but they're doing a great job and doing

1 really good work on the roads in our community.

2 That's about it.

3 MR. RUMLEY: I went by and Allan was up  
4 on that asphalt spreader and I looked at his back  
5 and I thought what is that. He had a big sign that  
6 said vote for Allan Bradford, commissioner.

7 MR. BRADFORD: I went out there. I  
8 drove down the road and I said, I'm going right  
9 there.

10 MR. RUMLEY: It's really good though.  
11 You know, the paver that we've got, we've never  
12 owned really -- the County has never done its own  
13 paving and we had some figures together that we  
14 would really save by doing our own paving, but it's  
15 really -- we're getting so much more for our dollar.  
16 It's just amazing. All these little trials, these  
17 roads that we've got that's been tar and gravel and  
18 dirt all these years that's coming all to pieces.  
19 Once you put that asphalt down, especially the way  
20 Billy is putting it down, maintenance is going to be  
21 so much less on it. Don't you agree, Billy? Plus  
22 the savings to the county.

23 I'll get into my report. I do want to  
24 mention Burkhalter Gap, which that's something I  
25 know Allan was going to say. That's our big project

1 right now we've got going. It was really kind of --  
2 we weren't really planning on starting on it. Maybe  
3 we're going to try to do part of it at the end of  
4 summer, maybe part of it next summer, but the way  
5 mother nature hit us there, we had another crack  
6 open up in it. We decided to go ahead and we're  
7 going full blast at it. You've not been up through  
8 there, we've got the steel set, concrete poured.  
9 Some of those piers are 37, 38 feet in the ground.  
10 So they actually started -- supposed to start  
11 pouring today. They had some steel delivered, so  
12 the -- maybe by the end of next week, we'll be  
13 making another pour. We look forward to getting  
14 that project behind us. We are doing it in-house.  
15 When I say that, we did get a few prices even back  
16 years ago. It was just way out of our price range.  
17 We were capable of handling that within our county.  
18 We'll let the county people do it, Billy and our own  
19 people. Plus we've got Wallin Drilling that has  
20 helped us out tremendously with boring down into the  
21 mountain. The concrete plant gave us a good price  
22 on concrete, so we'll -- I'll give you a report as  
23 far as our expenditures at our next meeting, but  
24 it's going to come in way, way less than the actual  
25 projected cost of five years ago. So anyway, we'll



1 give you a report on that.

2 I did go to meeting in Dalton, Billy  
3 and I went down a couple of weeks ago. The I-59  
4 from state line to state line or from state line to  
5 the interchange where 24 comes in, they are going to  
6 be grinding that and resurfacing. Also, the 24,  
7 east and west from the state line to state line,  
8 that will be another project that will happen. It's  
9 going to start in June. The I-59 part of it, the  
10 way it is laid down will be mostly in day work, but  
11 all of the I-24 will be night work. And what that  
12 means to us though is the traffic on 11, need to be  
13 aware that there will be a lot more traffic  
14 directing off of 11 because the people that know the  
15 shortcuts, they're going to actually get off the  
16 interstate and avoid that. So keep that in mind. I  
17 think it was the end of June or middle of June  
18 they're going to start.

19 MR. MASSENGALE: End of June. They  
20 want to make sure it's hot. They don't want to haul  
21 the asphalt at night, so it won't cool down on them.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Exactly. So that's  
23 another big project that will be going on in Dade  
24 County.

25 We did have a meeting. Our two dreads



1 as far as expenditures, ever since I was  
2 commissioner before, has been Burkhalter Gap and the  
3 Lookout Lake Dam out there. That was two projects  
4 that could cost a tremendous amount of money. So  
5 we're handling Burkhalter right now and Billy and I  
6 went to a meeting with the Safe Dams people there in  
7 Atlanta, down below Atlanta last week and it was  
8 pretty much an all-day event. We got them --  
9 they're going to come back up and reevaluate the  
10 damn. Of course, we do inspections after every  
11 rain. I do personally and we have, according to  
12 them, done a good job as far as maintaining that  
13 water level of that lake, but we hope that they will  
14 go ahead and look at the plans we submitted back  
15 five -- actually it's been eight years since they've  
16 had the plans. We can get their opinion back and  
17 hopefully we can go forth with that and see exactly  
18 how much it's going to cost the County and that way  
19 we can actually put a day -- actually a start date  
20 on that. There's something -- no matter what, we're  
21 going to have to fix that. We do own the dam. The  
22 county road does go across it. It also goes across  
23 Larry Moore's lake, if you don't know where this is  
24 at. He will be sharing in the expense of fixing  
25 that dam, but we'll keep you up on that. It's

1 something that we haven't talked about in a long  
2 time, but it's going to be something -- as soon as  
3 we finish Burkhalter and get these prints back, by  
4 midsummer, end of summer, we'll be talking about it  
5 every meeting. We'll be looking at some money,  
6 hopefully some grants or some type of money that  
7 will help us with that.

8           We did go to the -- well, let me talk  
9 about the driver's license first. I always like to  
10 give you an update on that because I've had some  
11 calls on that today. We had a conference call, I  
12 did, just this past week with the driver's license  
13 people. We do have a contract that they did submit  
14 us to look over as far as what they expect from us,  
15 what we will get from them and we did -- had Robin,  
16 he reviewed that. He did redline some things that  
17 we took out. There were some things that they were  
18 going to actually charge us for. It was mistakes.  
19 They pulled them out. Had some wording in there  
20 that Robin changed. We did get that back to them  
21 and I did get a revised copy today. I did email  
22 that. So next week by Monday we'll be able to  
23 actually probably go ahead and sign that and get  
24 that back to them. They have already been working  
25 on this for the past month or so. They've got all

1 the cubicles built. They're kind of waiting on us  
2 to sign this contract and they'll be start erecting  
3 the -- going on the inside and putting up the  
4 cubicles and getting all the wiring pulled. So it's  
5 looking good. I mean, it's a definite. They're  
6 coming. Hopefully, from what I understand from  
7 them, as I said in the past meetings, probably mid  
8 July, July 1st hopefully we'll be up and running.

9 MR. SMITH: How often are they going to  
10 be here?

11 MR. RUMLEY: They will be here two  
12 Mondays a month. It will probably be the first and  
13 the third Monday. We kind of left it up to them,  
14 their schedule. It could be the second and fourth  
15 Monday, but they will -- I think that's -- we had  
16 them two days a month anyway back even when we were  
17 growing up. They came twice a month. I think on  
18 Tuesdays. But they will be a full facility as far  
19 as they'll be able to give, you know, all licenses  
20 except motorcycle. At first we're not going to be  
21 able to -- I think motorcycles have to go to Dalton  
22 anyway.

23 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah, they do.

24 MR. RUMLEY: The CDLs, they'll be able  
25 to handle everything except for the driving test of

1 the CDL and that will also be in Dalton. So it will  
2 be a full-service, pretty much a full-service  
3 facility, which is good news for Dade County.

4 Robert mentioned the tornadoes, you  
5 know, two years ago. We did put a wreath or a nice  
6 spray of flowers over at the courthouse square.  
7 That's where we did the monument to remember the two  
8 people that died. I didn't want people to think  
9 that Dade County has forgotten those people. We  
10 didn't do an event or anything, but we did as a  
11 commission and commission representative, we put a  
12 beautiful basket over there. I did talk to the  
13 family and they appreciated that.

14 I'm going to touch on the Chamber. I  
15 know Debbie is going to report on this, but I did go  
16 to the Chamber banquet and it really turned out real  
17 good. There was some good looking people there,  
18 bearded people. It was a good event. It was  
19 different and I don't think there was a person there  
20 that didn't have a good time and the food was real  
21 good, too. I appreciate y'all doing that. You did  
22 a real good job. Let's see if I missed anything.  
23 Anyone else got anything that you forgot?

24 MR. SMITH: We've got the --

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mitchell, this was his

1 idea. This was a good thing he brought before us.

2 MR. SMITH: We've got -- the flags are  
3 here to put on the gravesites of our military  
4 personnel that's buried in Dade County. We'll be  
5 taking them down and giving them to the legion hall.  
6 If you know of anybody, get in contact with the  
7 cemetery, pick up a flag and try to have it there at  
8 least by Memorial Day on the gravesite and they're  
9 there. If we run out because we had to take a  
10 guess, we'll get some more.

11 Anybody that actually knows how many  
12 servicemen or women that's buried in Dade County.  
13 They'll be at the legion hall.

14 MR. RUMLEY: And if you need any  
15 information about that, just call the Commission  
16 office here or myself or Mitchell, 667-8999 is my  
17 cell or talk to Don. We got, I think -- what did we  
18 get, 150?

19 MR. SMITH: I think you said 250.

20 MR. RUMLEY: 250 flags. Hopefully that  
21 will be enough. Have you got anything else,  
22 Scottie?

23 We do have a special day coming up next  
24 Tuesday and that is Law Enforcement Day. The mayor  
25 and I will be reading a joint proclamation between

1 Dade County Commission and the City and it's just  
2 going to be a special day. We have this every year.  
3 In the past we've had it at the gazebo on the  
4 square, but last year because of the weather, we  
5 changed it and went to our large courtroom at our  
6 new facility and it worked out so well that's where  
7 we're going to actually -- probably from now on  
8 that's where we'll have it. So if you get a  
9 chance -- I think it starts at like noon, 12:00.  
10 That's what we did last year. So if you get a  
11 chance and you're out, you need to run by and just  
12 pat some of these people on the back and show  
13 appreciation to them.

14 In the past, they have refreshments.  
15 It's just a good time. Most people stay a couple of  
16 hours after and just visit. I would like to see all  
17 of you turn out for that.

18 Anything else, Robert, that I forgot?

19 MR. GOFF: No.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Do we have a  
21 representative from the City of Trenton tonight?  
22 Okay. I know we've got one from the public library.  
23 Come up and talk to us.

24 MS. SHARP: I wanted to let everybody  
25 know that May 16th, Georgia of the Anne Frank



1 House has started a Witness to the Holocaust and it  
2 will be -- we're actually the first stop in Georgia  
3 and it will be at the public library until May  
4 27th. So we want everybody to come out and look  
5 at the exhibit while we have it.

6           On the 16th they are sending us a  
7 guest speaker. We have been asking them -- it's  
8 coming close -- let us know who it is and what time.  
9 We still don't know. They're waiting until the  
10 11th hour, I think. We will be putting that out,  
11 information out who the guest speaker will be, but  
12 because it is the kickoff, I wanted to tell you  
13 about the exhibit.

14           Also, I wanted to let you know,  
15 Saturday, if you know any new moms or anybody, new  
16 parents, Dade First, the Head Start, the library,  
17 we're doing an early literacy class and we have a  
18 lot of people coming and they're giving free stuff  
19 out to moms and people that have small children up  
20 to the age of five.

21           If anybody has an opportunity,  
22 Ms. Hawkins comes to it, every Thursday, the last  
23 Thursday of the month, we have a meeting at the  
24 library and there's probably, what, 15 agencies,  
25 would you say, or more?

1 MS. HAWKINS: A lot now. We went  
2 through a time where we didn't have very many, but  
3 now --

4 MS. SHARP: And if you want to know  
5 what's happening, that's where -- because there's  
6 grants that are available they talk about. The Food  
7 Bank comes from Chattanooga, United Way and the Food  
8 Bank is trying to do -- they came and talked to us  
9 about they've been wanting to do more in Dade County  
10 and they're letting us know about opportunities. So  
11 anybody that wants to come. And it's open to  
12 everyone. Everybody is welcome, but we usually have  
13 about 27, 28 people that show up. So I'm just  
14 inviting everybody that would like to come. So  
15 that's where this came about. We decided to do  
16 something, but it's the last Thursday of every  
17 month.

18 Y'all have a letter of the things that  
19 are going on. We're doing the movie night and all  
20 that. It's at 12:00. Sorry. It's a lunch. You  
21 come and bring your lunch. It's always the last  
22 Thursday at 12:00. But I was doing our statistics  
23 today and I was just noticing that 17 days we were  
24 open and we checked out over 3,200 books. People  
25 are still reading, so I was excited about that.

1 That's --

2 MR. RUMLEY: What length of time was  
3 that? What length of time?

4 MS. SHARP: The 17 days we were open in  
5 April. We were only open 17 days in April. So I  
6 have to do the statistics and I write down and we  
7 were calculating and some -- on Thursdays is usually  
8 our busy day and our average is 37 books an hour.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Very good. That was  
10 Marshana Sharp. She didn't tell you who she was.  
11 She manages our library. All of you who go to the  
12 library knows who she is.

13 MS. SHARP: Yeah. I almost forget.  
14 Saturday, the Arts Council is doing the Appalachian  
15 Renaissance. They're going to be doing a big  
16 canvas. We want everybody to come out and put your  
17 mark, paint brushes, crayons, markers and they have  
18 a big community piece. It's like 16-feet long and  
19 everybody gets to put their stroke on it. They've  
20 got someone there to help you and it's going to go  
21 in the community room at the library. So we would  
22 like everyone to come by and put their mark on it.

23 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Do we have  
24 anyone from the IDA here tonight? Peter was going  
25 to try to be here.

1           Audrey, do you or Lionel want to give  
2 us a report? Do you have anything you want to talk  
3 about as far as our progress as far as our cable and  
4 our -- anything going on with our phone company we  
5 want need to know?

6           MR. AUSTIN: Still working hard  
7 building up, getting a lot.

8           MR. RUMLEY: It's really -- they come  
9 to all of our meetings. It's good they do, but it's  
10 really big for our county. It's really something  
11 not only getting the fiber and high speed internet  
12 and all, it's actually -- we've got -- for those who  
13 don't realize this, the phone company, they're in  
14 the cable business now and that's -- to me that's  
15 big because it does give some competition to Charter  
16 or to our providers. Competition is always good.  
17 I've always found that. We do appreciate y'all  
18 coming to our meetings and keeping us informed. I  
19 know Lionel and Audrey both are involved with the  
20 Chamber, but we appreciate you coming to our  
21 meetings.

22           Also, we've got Lane Wilson here. I  
23 want to mention Lane before we go any further. He's  
24 Verenice's son-in-law and Lane, he's not only a  
25 friend of mine, he's been like family to our family

1 for years and years and years. I thought, Verenice,  
2 you might have your whole family here tonight, but  
3 you've got your son-in-law.

4 MS. HAWKINS: Linda had a meeting and  
5 my little ones came over to the school. They were  
6 over there and Ronnie is out of town, I think.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Don, let's move  
8 down to our financial report.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: As of April 30th,  
10 2013, the general fund had a balance of \$100,699;  
11 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's  
12 Special Fund, \$8,834; Drug Abuse Education Fund,  
13 \$54,834; Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,  
14 \$21,195; Victim Assistance Fund, \$6,275; Jail Fund,  
15 \$15,443; Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice,  
16 \$3,160. Payroll account, \$109,194.

17 Construction account for S.P.L.O.S.T  
18 was \$14,366; Projects Account \$20,290; Proceeds  
19 Account, \$613,394.

20 That top number there is going to bring  
21 your attention to the funds. It has been very  
22 difficult in the last few days. We normally don't  
23 run short on cash flow until -- it used to be  
24 October and I'm telling you it's been hard to find  
25 cash. And so we'll probably be using our line of

1 credit here pretty soon, just letting y'all know  
2 that. We haven't initiated that yet, but we'll  
3 probably have to do that before the next payroll.  
4 The reason the payroll was so high, we transferred  
5 money that morning on the 1st. So we normally don't  
6 keep that kind of balance before anyone cashed any  
7 checks.

8               Next page is the department level for  
9 revenues. This is actually as of March 31st, 2013,  
10 revenues for the month of March were collected at  
11 \$435,235. Budgeted was \$564,852, so we were short  
12 almost 130,000 in revenues for the month of March.  
13 Year-to-date, the revenues were -- this is as of  
14 March 31st, from July 1st, 2012, \$6,765,077, out  
15 of projected budget of 6.8 million, which, again, is  
16 right under \$100,000 short.

17               Actual expenses for the month was  
18 \$618,717. Budgeted was 614,548. So we were  
19 overspent just by \$4,169, which is not too bad, just  
20 a tad over. For the year-to-date 6,875,616 actual  
21 and budgeted for the year was 6,712,994, so on  
22 these, we were over 162,000.

23               Revenues less expense for March actual  
24 was short \$183,482. For projected cash, a shortage  
25 of \$49,695 and so we were over -- over budget



1 \$133,786. I don't like reporting those when it says  
2 over. It is what it is.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it works out. We're  
4 not through the year. You know, what we try to do  
5 is just put it on the line of the truth. It all at  
6 the end of the year comes out. Our end of the year  
7 is in June, July.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Revenue less expense  
9 year-to-date is short 110,538, whereas budgeted was  
10 actually 146,187 and that's over 256,726. So the  
11 point is when you see these numbers at the bottom on  
12 that yellow, your report there, that's the cash  
13 projection section on this that we developed when  
14 Peter was on the board and it really does tie back  
15 to our cash in the bank. So we started feeling the  
16 pain and we see all this red here, shortage in our  
17 cash flow.

18 Budget attained for the year through  
19 March was 75 percent, nine months out of the way.  
20 Revenues attained so far has been 75.86. Expenses  
21 attained, 77.09. Again, the Local Option Sales Tax  
22 was down -- was collected at \$158,170 and  
23 S.P.L.O.S.T for April was \$197,718.

24 And I do like Commissioner Goff would  
25 like to know how and why that number varies so

1 greatly from time to time, but we hope for another  
2 month like last month. That really was helpful to  
3 have 206,000. The following pages are just a  
4 breakdown of S.P.L.O.S.T collection over the period  
5 and then the final page is the year-to-date tax  
6 collection for just the tax commissioner's office,  
7 which makes up most of our funds for the government.

8           And through April 30th, we have  
9 collected -- we're at 88.61 percent, 93.21 percent  
10 for property tax, but there is one number on here  
11 that did not -- has not come in yet, but it will and  
12 that's for the TAVT, which is the title ad valorem  
13 tax.

14           We had budgeted last year, we had no  
15 clue what to expect. We budgeted 14,000 for the  
16 year and in one month we brought in \$14,992. That  
17 was good from the standpoint of collections, but we  
18 haven't received this month. We don't know if  
19 that's going to go down, stay flat or what. We'll  
20 just watch that number and we're just continuing to  
21 do our budgets. We have a few more to go.

22           MR. RUMLEY: That's right. Any  
23 questions? Thank you, Don. I appreciate it. Okay.  
24 If there's no questions, I'll entertain a motion to  
25 approve the financial report by Mr. Townsend. Do I

1 hear a motion?

2 MR. SMITH: Motion.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

4 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

5 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call the roll. Mr.  
6 Bradford?

7 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

9 MR. GOFF: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

11 MR. SMITH: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

13 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

15 Robin, do you have anything you want to report to  
16 us, any legal?

17 MR. ROGERS: I do not. No new legal  
18 matters.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Nothing changed in the --  
20 the bankruptcy or anything like that?

21 MR. ROGERS: No. I've not received any  
22 new pleadings regarding the bankruptcy. I've  
23 contacted some of the other attorneys involved and  
24 they have not as well. Where we are is the trustee  
25 is still trying to seek out buyers for the property.

1 That's good.

2 MR. RUMLEY: What we're talking about  
3 if some of you is not familiar with this, the  
4 bankruptcy pertaining to the Southern Group and the  
5 TAS Properties down in Rising Fawn. It's been an  
6 ongoing thing. They do owe us -- according to  
7 Angie, yesterday we were talking about, they owe us  
8 about \$540,000, \$550,000 in taxes and that hurts. I  
9 mean, that hurts when we've got budgeted money out  
10 there. It hurts everyone. But Robin always give us  
11 a report on it. There for a while we did meet -- we  
12 would go, it seemed like, every couple of weeks or  
13 at least once a month and so hopefully that can be  
14 resolved. Hopefully, they'll be able to sell that  
15 property and not only pay the taxes owed to our  
16 county, but pay the creditors some of their money  
17 back because a lot of people lost a lot of money in  
18 that deal.

19 MR. SMITH: The trial date has nothing  
20 to do, no -- nothing on it?

21 MR. ROGERS: No.

22 MR. RUMLEY: What was that, Mitchell?

23 MR. SMITH: I said the trial.

24 MR. GOFF: How did that trial come out?

25 MR. RUMLEY: You were gone, weren't

1 you? Robin, did you keep up with it?

2 MR. ROGERS: They were found guilty of,  
3 I think, seven out of eleven counts, maybe twelve.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Robin Wallace, she was  
5 there. Exactly what was the verdict?

6 MS. FORD-WALLACE: Split, you know,  
7 seven out of twelve guilty and it seemed to be more  
8 like they found them guilty on the fraudulent gift  
9 letters more than on the -- than the regular option  
10 deal. But apparently it will carry serious jail  
11 time, but they're not going to sentence them until  
12 August, August 8th.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. They'll be  
14 sentenced in August. And what we're talking about  
15 now is actually the developers themselves that  
16 developed the property and sold the property. They  
17 did go on trial. People have been keeping up with  
18 in federal court in Chattanooga. And that's -- so  
19 it's over with.

20 Okay. The reading of the last month's  
21 regular meeting and any special-called meeting will  
22 not be required since all Commissioners have been  
23 furnished copies in advance. The minutes are public  
24 record and available for review in our Commission  
25 office. The minutes are included in the consent

1 agenda and will be considered for approval under new  
2 business.

3 Don, if you would, go over our consent  
4 agenda and we'll entertain a motion to approve that.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. We have the  
6 approval of the agenda as amended by adding item  
7 number seven, which was personnel policy issues  
8 including drug testing, referred to Robin Rogers,  
9 also questioned about driver's history being pulled  
10 and also recommendation for July 4th falls on a  
11 Thursday, some possible resolution to that in a  
12 future board meeting. And also number eight,  
13 Hutcheson Hospital bond issue, looking to review  
14 that in a future meeting in possibly two weeks at a  
15 special-called meeting.

16 Also, the approval of the previous  
17 meeting minutes, the review of the employee head  
18 count report. We had the Board of Assessors, first  
19 the acceptance of Charlie Browning's resignation and  
20 also the approval of Aubrey Black as the -- to  
21 fulfill the unexpired term of Charles Browning with  
22 a term ending December 31st, 2013. And that is --  
23 by Resolution R-24-13. Then we have the Library  
24 Board appointment of members and appointment of  
25 Ginny Sams by -- sorry. Let me back up. We have



1 Resolution R-25-13, resolution to appoint member to  
2 the Dade County Public Library Board of Trustees by  
3 the name of William Back, B-A-C-K, for a term of  
4 three years beginning July 1st, 2013, and the term  
5 expiring June 30th, 2016.

6 Resolution R-26-13, resolution to  
7 appoint member to the board -- Dade County Public  
8 Library Board of Trustees, Ginny Sams, three-year  
9 term beginning July 1st, 2013, and expiring  
10 June 30th, 2016. And Resolution R-27-13,  
11 resolution to appoint a member to the Dade County  
12 Library Board of Trustees in the name of Dorothy  
13 Abercrombie for a term of two years beginning  
14 July 1st, 2013, expiring June 30th, 2015.

15 And we have the approval of the 2013  
16 Armed Forces Day Proclamation, recognizing the  
17 18th as that day in Dade County and noted -- it's  
18 not on the consent agenda for approval, but  
19 playground equipment for parks and rec to be tabled,  
20 also the consent agenda is approval for purchase for  
21 the parks and recreation department 930D Grasshopper  
22 mower with 61-inch deck from York Small Engine and  
23 for \$12,900 and we have a CAT 311CU excavator for  
24 the Transfer Station purchased at a price of 33,000  
25 and both of those, the Grasshopper and the excavator

1 are being utilized by S.P.L.O.S.T projects account.  
2 I believe that concludes the consent agenda.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions?

4 MR. GOFF: None.

5 MR. RUMLEY: If not, I'll entertain a  
6 motion to approve the consent agenda.

7 MR. GOFF: So moved.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

9 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

10 MR. RUMLEY: We do have a second. I'll  
11 call the roll. Mr. Bradford?

12 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

14 MR. GOFF: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

16 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. We  
20 do have some people here from our Cloudland Canyon,  
21 friends of Cloudland Canyon. We're glad to have  
22 y'all here tonight. We always at this time ask for  
23 anyone that wants to come up and talk to us, come up  
24 to the mic. We'll give you five minutes, ten  
25 minutes, whatever you need. We usually say five or

1   ten, however much time you need. Does anyone want  
2   to talk to us tonight? Do y'all have anything you  
3   want to report, friends of Cloudland?

4               MR. POUNDS: I would like to talk a  
5   little bit about an article in the Chattanooga Times  
6   Free Press. I don't know if everybody saw it, but  
7   there was an article in the paper today that five of  
8   Georgia State parks are being privatized and what  
9   that is -- and I'm not speaking for DNR, but as  
10  everybody knows, budget restraints again. And we're  
11  worried that Cloudland, are we going to be next, but  
12  I don't think so because what they've privatized are  
13  revenue lodges, golf courses, that sorts of things,  
14  so I think Cloudland Canyon is going to be in good  
15  shape.

16              I also want to remind everybody that we  
17  are inviting everybody a week from tonight to talk  
18  about our fiscal year. It's called FY15-20 because  
19  15 is not going to get it, so we went to stage 20 of  
20  what we're doing here at Cloudland Canyon and those  
21  type of things.

22              I would also like to take this  
23  opportunity to talk to my commissioner about  
24  recycling the glass and sometimes ignorance is  
25  bliss. I was not upset when they didn't tell us

1 that they weren't recycling the glass. I thought  
2 that was a good thing because we get in the habit of  
3 bringing our glass in, but now that we know, we need  
4 to do something. I don't like taking my glass to  
5 Chattanooga and I won't throw my glass and let them  
6 bury it in the landfill and there's many people like  
7 me. So I want to hear something from my  
8 commissioner of what he's doing to get us to where  
9 we can recycle our glass again in Dade County.

10 MR. BRADFORD: Well, I haven't found  
11 anyplace that local that will accept it without  
12 being a great expense. There's a place in Florida  
13 that takes all the glass and melts it together.  
14 Mark and I were talking about it earlier and they  
15 make gravel out of it for yards and stuff. We sure  
16 can't take it to Florida. But I'm going to have to  
17 do some more research. I just haven't found a  
18 place. It's, what, \$70 to take a truck up there to  
19 empty now at the -- isn't that what it is now? Is  
20 it 70? What's the amount it costs to take one of  
21 them down?

22 MR. MASSENGALE: It costs \$27 a ton  
23 right now to dispose of it in the landfill. If you  
24 take to it Chattanooga, you've got to figure you  
25 fuel, wear and tear on your truck, man hours and

1 all. You're looking at 50, \$75.

2 MR. BRADFORD: I knew it was around  
3 \$70. But what they were saying is if the recycle is  
4 making funds, why we can't take some of those funds  
5 and put it into the glass.

6 MR. MASSENGALE: If you look at our  
7 figures, right now we were \$15,000 short. We've got  
8 to cover what we've got going out.

9 MR. BRADFORD: I knew it was real  
10 close. I just didn't know how close it was. I've  
11 called several places. I'm still trying. I haven't  
12 given up because I don't ever give up.

13 MR. ISSENBERG: I'm here about the  
14 glass also. I mean, other stuff, too, but I am here  
15 about the glass. There's two out of this tiny  
16 little group of people, 14,000 people, I guess. I  
17 think there's more than two of us that actually care  
18 about the glass.

19 MR. BRADFORD: I think Mark says  
20 they're carrying it to Warner Park now, recycled  
21 glass.

22 MR. RUMLEY: What does Walker do?

23 MR. BRADFORD: They put a trash barrel  
24 out and you fill that up with glass and it costs you  
25 \$10 a month.

1 MR. RUMLEY: It costs the people?

2 MR. BRADFORD: It costs the individual,  
3 the homeowner.

4 MR. RUMLEY: And is that what  
5 Catoosa -- have you checked with them?

6 MR. BRADFORD: I haven't checked with  
7 Catoosa yet, but I've checked with all -- Lookout  
8 Mountain, Walker County.

9 MR. RUMLEY: If that's what other  
10 counties are doing, we could see -- maybe put a bin  
11 down there and do that.

12 MR. BRADFORD: It would be fine with  
13 me. I don't have any qualms about it at all. Like  
14 I said, I didn't know about the glass either. I  
15 found out about it Wednesday night or Thursday. I  
16 really got caught with it. Anyway, I'm for doing  
17 something with the glass. I just don't know what  
18 we're going to do yet, what's going to be best for  
19 the taxpayer.

20 MR. ISSENBERG: We just don't want it  
21 filling a landfill with it, number one. I think  
22 that's what we really care about, having it not  
23 filling a landfill with something -- a material that  
24 can be recycled. And I know everybody is saying  
25 that plastics are going to take over glass. Well,



1 it's not going to happen probably in my lifetime. I  
2 don't know. I really think the glass is going to be  
3 a while here, so I think we should deal with it  
4 properly and not filling it in a landfill and I know  
5 it's expensive. You know, the fuel, the driver, the  
6 insurance on the driver, the tire, I -- we all  
7 understand that. I mean, we do. So -- but there  
8 has to be something to do besides going into a  
9 landfill and if we have to pay for it, then -- I  
10 know it will cost me something and I'm willing to  
11 -- I'm not going to pay for a whole load, but I'm  
12 willing to -- you know, what's fair is fair. I  
13 mean, there's, what, 14,000 of us here?

14 MR. RUMLEY: Almost 17,000.

15 MR. ISSENBERG: 17,000. I'm not sure  
16 how many people use the dump. I'm not sure how many  
17 are using the road behind me for their dump and that  
18 costs us money.

19 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: The sheriff's  
20 department needs to get accolades for what they've  
21 done on Johnson Crook.

22 MR. RUMLEY: I mentioned last week -- I  
23 mean, last month and they're really -- not only on  
24 Johnson's Crook. They did a great job there, but  
25 they're going all to our -- we've got that problem.

1 People started that and he's got a crew now that  
2 actually, we're working not only our inmates that  
3 are -- our trustees that are short-term people, but  
4 he's actually got a program now that actually he's  
5 taking our people that are really hardened criminals  
6 out there. They're in shackles like and they agree  
7 to do it. They have to because they don't have to  
8 do anything. They sit in there all day long and eat  
9 our food -- a lot of them have -- so now when you  
10 see them out, you'll probably see instead of a  
11 person standing there watching them, he'll have a  
12 shotgun or rifle, but don't get excited about it.  
13 We're not the -- we're feeding them. They're saving  
14 Billy -- I mean, us a lot of money and plus it's  
15 beautifying our county. So that's a great thing.  
16 It's really good, but clarify what --

17 MR. MASSENGALE: On the dump side we're  
18 talking about all the -- on Lookout Creek right  
19 before you get to the hang glider park as soon as  
20 you come around from Burkhalter, someone dumped --  
21 it had to be a small dump truck load of roofing, tar  
22 paper, plywood, some construction, somebody doing  
23 construction work. I guess it was close to two tons  
24 right on the edge of the road. They're popping up  
25 everywhere.

1 MR. ISSENBERG: You know, it's amazing  
2 how cheap it is to go to the dump with a truck load  
3 of --

4 MR. RUMLEY: It's a few dollars.

5 MR. ISSENBERG: It's cheap. It's  
6 cheap.

7 MR. MASSENGALE: Well, whoever dumped  
8 this load here, it was a pretty good size load, cost  
9 them maybe 20, \$25. As taxpayers, we pay \$75 to  
10 clean up that \$25 load.

11 MR. ISSENBERG: People don't know  
12 actually how cheap it is. The plasma TVs, the  
13 furniture that was on Newsome Gap, it was like  
14 terrible, but it is so cheap to go to the dump. It  
15 really is. Maybe there should be a little article  
16 in the paper about how -- actually how cheap it is,  
17 easier to go to the dump instead of getting caught  
18 by one of your neighbors dumping. It is cheap.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Work with Don maybe in the  
20 next few weeks and put some figures together on what  
21 we charge, you know, to come across the scales and  
22 then also --

23 MR. MASSENGALE: Two and a half cents a  
24 pound.

25 MR. RUMLEY: And then put it in really

1 clear English like two and a half cents a pound  
2 means if you bring a pickup truck that weighs -- it  
3 will cost you \$10 or \$5, you know. That will be a  
4 good thing to do and put it in the paper.

5 MR. MASSENGALE: The average load for  
6 the individual is probably \$5 to \$6.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Just nothing.

8 MR. MASSENGALE: A lot of it is not too  
9 much.

10 MR. BRADFORD: It very inexpensive.

11 MR. ISSENBERG: Cheap.

12 MR. RUMLEY: It is. But back to the  
13 glass, what they're telling us, out there in TV  
14 land, is the glass is -- it's not a problem as far  
15 as the glass going in the landfill because, you  
16 know, we've had BFI tell us, you know, that's a good  
17 product, but what we're getting after is there's no  
18 reason to because there's so much recycling. It is  
19 a recyclable product that we can keep out. It's not  
20 that it's hurting the landfill. It's not. But the  
21 whole object of this is taking that glass, because  
22 like you said, glass is going to be around. I'm  
23 sure it will be around in my lifetime. I mean, it's  
24 just -- plastic, maybe one day it may be. Anyway, I  
25 appreciate y'all coming.

1 MR. ISSENBERG: Thank you for your  
2 time.

3 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate your info and  
4 try to come to every meeting if you can and bring  
5 more people with you. I appreciate it.

6 Debbie, do you have anything you want  
7 to say about the Chamber?

8 MS. TINKER: First of all, I would like  
9 to thank everyone that came to the banquet. Our  
10 board and ambassadors actually did a phenomenal job  
11 on that this year. And the award winners and those  
12 that were nominated, this was one of the hardest  
13 years we ever had trying to make that decision  
14 because there was so many people that have helped so  
15 much over the last year and prior years and  
16 everything.

17 We really want to thank you, Mr. Moore.  
18 He was our Bill O'Neal Memorial Leadership Award for  
19 a lifetime of achievement in the county. So thank  
20 you very much.

21 Antique Alley is coming up the weekend  
22 after Mother's Day and that's the 15th through the  
23 19th and I know the Chamber will be doing a  
24 fundraiser down there. We'll be cooking during it  
25 and we will also have our Chamber luncheon down

1 there on that Friday, other food vendors. Our state  
2 representative John Deffenbaugh will be speaking at  
3 that luncheon, so the public is invited.

4 Also, the State came by the Chamber.  
5 One of our board members did mention it to them that  
6 we would like to see Highway 11 mowed before this if  
7 at all possible and they said they usually start  
8 mowing that the first of May, so let's hope.

9 MR. SMITH: Part of it has been.  
10 Somebody has mowed part of it. I don't know if it's  
11 the State or not.

12 MR. MASSENGALE: 11 has been mowed past  
13 the house.

14 MS. TINKER: This has been about two  
15 weeks ago that they came in. I said, well, there's  
16 so many people that come through here during that  
17 time. I also wanted to thank Billy. He helped make  
18 us some Welcome Center signs that we need very much  
19 and we appreciate that.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I appreciate all  
21 you do. Larry -- Mr. Moore she was talking about  
22 that won that award is Larry Moore. I didn't even  
23 see you back there, Larry. But Larry is also on our  
24 JDA. He's also the past sole commissioner of Dade  
25 County. We've got two or three new generations out



1 there in our county now who might not know who Larry  
2 Moore is, but -- he's our third member, yeah.  
3 Actually, while he was in office, we had a lot of  
4 things, a lot of things you see in this county was  
5 built by Larry. Our park right here in the center  
6 of town, that's one of the things that you really  
7 touch and see every day. You can give Larry a pat  
8 on the back for that because he's actually the one  
9 that -- the sole commissioner that actually had that  
10 vision and built that. The Senior Citizen Building  
11 was built during your administration, was it not,  
12 Larry?

13 MR. MOORE: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: That's something else that  
15 we all -- well, I'll be there one day, but it's  
16 really something to be proud of in this county. We  
17 appreciate you, Larry. We appreciate all you do and  
18 all you've done in our county.

19 Come on up here, Mr. Black. I can see  
20 you holding your hand up. Mr. Tom Black, he's also  
21 one of our board members, serves on our Mental  
22 Health Board. He's our representative on the board.

23 MR. BLACK: Well, I will say a couple  
24 of things about the glass. The generation I came  
25 from was a three cent deposit on a Coke bottle.

1 Milk came in a glass jar that was recycled and  
2 before the lawyers got ahold of it because somebody  
3 found some bug parts in them, we had a great  
4 recycling program going for glass.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Before what? Tell me that  
6 again. Before what?

7 MR. BLACK: The lawyers got --

8 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, lawyers. I thought  
9 you said loggers.

10 MR. BLACK: Lawyers got involved.  
11 Last -- this past Tuesday we had a SOAR meeting,  
12 which was an addiction recovery class that was free  
13 to law enforcement here in the county. We had over  
14 40 attendees from all judicial members of Lookout  
15 Circuit, which is Catoosa, Walker, Dade and  
16 Chattooga and we're going to have another one in  
17 June at no cost to the county, a six-hour class  
18 that's going to be first aid for mental health.  
19 This is crisis intervention and crisis management  
20 for our law enforcement. We have five openings. We  
21 have five slots in the county.

22 We have started working on our 2015  
23 program work in mental health. We're predicting  
24 what's going to happen two years down the road now  
25 and, folks, it ain't looking good. That's about the

1 way -- that's about the best we can say about this.  
2 Funds are being cut. Programs are being cut. We've  
3 got people in crisis that we can't do anything  
4 about. We're seeing our law enforcement and our  
5 county commissioners can tell you, too. It's  
6 costing the county lots of dollars because all  
7 mental services are so far away from here and we're  
8 not the only county in this boat. There's several  
9 others, too. But we were assured again that Rome  
10 Regional will never ever come back. It's going to  
11 sit there. But that's what's going on in the Mental  
12 Health Board. Thank you, gentlemen.

13 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate you  
14 representing us. Any questions for Tom before he  
15 sits down? Okay. Thank you.

16 Anyone else want to come up and talk to  
17 us tonight, feel free. Okay.

18 MR. STONE: Commissioner, before you  
19 adjourn, the Three State Three Mountain bike race,  
20 have y'all talked about that?

21 MR. RUMLEY: What's that? Saturday.

22 MR. STONE: I stepped out.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. The bike race is  
24 Saturday and it looks like the weather is going to  
25 be kind of rainy and as Mitchell said, we just

1 caution everyone that it could be a dangerous day,  
2 to keep an eye out for the bikes. Be aware. Anyone  
3 got anything to add?

4 MR. BLACK: One other thing. We had Ag  
5 Day this week at the 4H, good participation from the  
6 school system. We had a lot of people that showed  
7 up. NRCS and several other people that came and  
8 demonstrated things to our kids. We have other  
9 things going on in the county for our youth and I'm  
10 proud of the job that the Extension Service did.

11 MR. RUMLEY: I forgot to mention the  
12 shoot, skeet shoot they had. They had a regional  
13 skeet shoot. I didn't get a report on how well we  
14 did, but I think we had four or five counties that  
15 came to that. That was a big event Saturday a week  
16 ago.

17 Okay. I just want to tell everyone, I  
18 appreciate you being here and I appreciate your  
19 support for this Commission. I'll remind you that  
20 we are -- all of us are public servants and we do  
21 realize what public servants are. We've not  
22 forgotten that. I don't think anyone's head has  
23 gotten big enough to be tossed off the board because  
24 that's what needs to happen if you get a politician  
25 in here and they think they're sitting up on a

1 throne for some reason. We try to be good stewards  
2 of your money. Our records are always open. Don is  
3 free with our figures as he should be. I mean,  
4 they're your -- it's your tax dollars that we spend  
5 and I just want to let you know that if you've got  
6 any questions, all of our numbers are -- my cell  
7 number, I tell it as much as I possibly can. As you  
8 know, I do answer my phone. I don't always tell you  
9 what you want hear, but I do answer my phone and  
10 we're here to serve you. We appreciate Dade County.  
11 We appreciate living in Dade County and there's not  
12 a person here that's here for any reason but that.  
13 We're here to serve you. It's not for the money.  
14 If there's nothing further tonight, I'll entertain a  
15 motion to adjourn the meeting.

16 MR. SMITH: So moved.

17 MR. PITTMAN: Motion.

18 MR. SMITH: Second.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All in favor, say  
20 aye.

21 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

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23 END OF MEETING  
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